

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Robert "Bob" R. Bothwell was raised in Colman, South Dakota, graduated from Colman High School and attended South Dakota State University at Brookings, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Bob has given over 32 years of dedicated public service to the United States Department of Agriculture, beginning June 1972, in Lake Andes, South Dakota, as an assistant county supervisor and advancing through the years to his present position as rural business program director; and,

Whereas, Bob has had a distinguished career with the USDA Rural Development, and as a program director, his leadership efforts in managing water/wastewater funds led to many successful years of funding water and wastewater projects for municipalities, rural water systems, water/sanitary districts, and Native American projects; and,

Whereas, Bob's leadership efforts extended into making commercial business loans, grants to non-profit or public bodies, and funding community development projects to non-profit and public bodies as well; and,

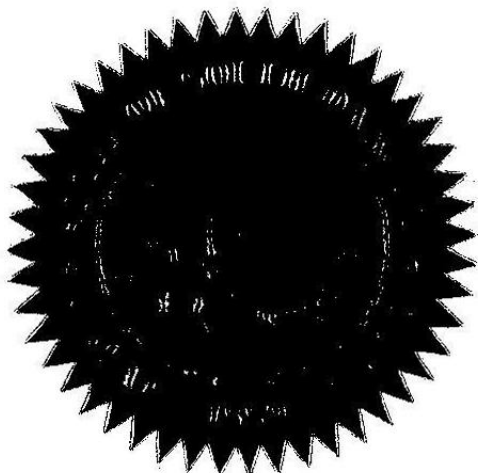
Whereas, Bob and his wife, Kathy, have five children and three grandchildren and the couple currently lives in Huron, South Dakota, where they plan to remain after retirement; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan as Bob's colleagues, family, and friends gather on December 18, 2003, to honor and congratulate him as he officially retires January 3, 2004:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 3, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, friends and family as they recognize Bob for his commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State